STEEPY, Richard
Monmouth County Deeds
Book L3, page 457
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4 May 1814

GRANTOR: John and Theodosia STEEPY, of Upper Freehold Township
GRANTEE: Richard STEEPY of Upper Freehold Township
Date: 4 May 1814 [of Indenture]
Cost: $150.00
Location: South side of Holman's meadow

Boundaries: [none given or none extracted due to lack of pertinent information identifying location]

Size: 58 and 24/100ths acres

Obtained: Conveyed to John STEEPY from Samuel EMLEY by deed on 1 May 1798.

Recorded: 27 April 1836

Notes: Lapse of 22 years between date of Indenture and date of recording

This was sold on 2 April 1836 to Deborah STEEPY, Book L3, page 459. That deed recorded on same date as this one.

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GRANTOR: Abraham and Margery VANHISE, William and Phebe JOHNSON, Richard and Catherine STEEPY, Issac and Phebe CLAYTON, Richard and Mary PARKER, and Lucy VANHISE
GRANTEE: Deborah STEEPY of Upper Freehold Township
Date: 2 April 1836 [of Indenture]
Cost: $200.00
Location: South side of Holman's meadow

Boundaries: [none given or none extracted due to lack of pertinent information identifying location]

Size: 58 and 24/100ths acres

Obtained: Conveyed to Richard STEEPY from John and Theodosia STEEPY on 4 May 1814, Book L3, page 457. [That deed, along with this, are recorded on the same date.]

Recorded: 27 April 1836

Signatures: (in the order and position they appear on the deed)

Mary PARKER	William JOHNSON
Issac CLAYTON	Phebe JOHNSON
Phebe CLAYTON	Richard STEEPY
Lucy VANHISE	Catherine STEEPY
Abraham VANHISE	Richard PARKER
Margery VANHISE	

Notes: The listed grantors must be the heirs of the Richard STEEPY that bought this property in 1814, as only he could sell it if he was alive at the time. The Richard STEEPY found in this deed is not the same person as the one that bought it. Assuming that Richard (Sr) had died and these are his heirs we can surmise daughters who had married, as well as their husbands whose signature would also be required. [see following page for discussion]

In 1837 Deborah would sell this land to James WILBUR (Book R3, page 396) on the same date as Richard PARKER would sell land to him as well (same book and page)

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The method used to list the grantors clearly establishes the "couples" as:

1. Margery STEEPY, wife of Abraham VANHISE
2. Richard STEEPY and his wife Catherine
3. Mary STEEPY, wife of Richard PARKER

It is known that Richard PARKER married Mary STEEPY, establishing one daughter. We know this Richard STEEPY is NOT the same person, but is an heir, ergo he must be Richard STEEPY, Jr. Margery is assumed to be Margery STEEPY solely based on the fact that she is in this deed. It can not be ruled out that she is not, in fact, a daughter of Richard, Sr.; but rather an heir of his in some other way not yet known.

The remaining grantors, 2 couples and Lucy, are not as easy to identify as children of Richard STEEPY, Sr. They are:

1. William and Phebe JOHNSON
2. Issac and Phebe CLAYTON
3. Lucy VANHISE

Phebe Johnson is the daughter of Richard Steepy, Sr and Mary. Phebe Clayton and Lucy VanHise are the daughters of Elizabeth Steepy VanHise.

It is highly unlikely that there were two daughters named Phebe. The location of their names, both in the grantor list and in the signatures, do not give any hints either. It is customary to list heirs in order of precedence with surviving spouse first followed by children in age order, oldest first.

It is probably a safe assumption that one of them is Phebe STEEPY, daughter of Richard, Sr.; but which one? And who is the other Phebe and how is she an heir?

Who is Lucy VANHISE? She would not be listed as a grantor if she is a child of Abraham and Margery VANHISE, unless Richard STEEPY, Sr. did have a Last Will and Testament and he left this property to his heirs by name, including grandchildren.

Perhaps Deborah STEEPY (grantee) is the widow of Richard Sr. and, with this deed, she buys the 2/3 portion that her & Richard's children would be entitled to by law if he died intestate or had left the property divided among heirs.